



Commission on Child Care Meeting Summary September 18, 2019

Members Present: Barbara Andrews, Michelle Belski, L'Ornya Bowie, William Hegwood, Ed Krauze, Sybil Philip, Laura Seminario-Thornton, Greg Smith, Greg Stevens and Verna Washington

Members Absent: Lindsey Allard-Agnamba, Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta, Hashan Chowdhury, Pamela Dunn, Carl Eggleston, Yvonne Iscandari, Keneisha Roberts and William Polman

Guests Present: Sarah Wilch-Spamer (DHHS) and Monica Ortiz (DHHS)

Staff Present: Erin Stillwell (DHHS)

Meeting Called to Order: Michelle Belski, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm

Report out from Committee Sessions: Policy Priority Statements:

- Public Policy: Restore WPA funds to prior levels and update subsidy tables to increase reimbursement amounts per family
- Programmatic Issues: Focus on workforce development; restore and increase the County's professional development fund for early childhood and work through the Office of Intergovernmental Relations to implore the Maryland State Department of Education to restore the state child care professional development fund
- Public Policy Subcommittee: Inform county policy makers on issues involving before and after care programming provided by private, public and county programs. The CCC specifically continues to ask:
 - To be included in all meetings related to the CUPF process to reevaluate Executive Regulation 6-17AM
 - For greater transparency in the CUPF selection process
 - For child care professionals to be represented on the selection committee
 - A reevaluation of the principal's role in the selection process
- **Chair's Update**
 - Report out from meeting with Councilmember Katz and Jawando
 - Councilmember Jawando recommended that the CCC conduct some type of study to determine "What really are the availability of seats in lower socioeconomic sections of the County"
 - Councilmember Katz: CCC needs to work on forming more of an "ask" as related to the priority areas

- Report out from the *No Small Matter* movie screening; concern that many members from Councilmembers staff did not intend the screening
- Michelle will represent the CCC at the Council HHS Committee Priority Meeting on October 10th
- Sybil will represent the CCC at the BCC Chairs meeting with the HHS Director meeting on October 2nd

Review and Approval of June 19, 2019 Meeting Summary

ACTION: Motion to approve the meeting summary from June 19, 2020

- **Motion by: Ed Krauze**
- **Seconded by: Greg Stevens**
- **All in Favor**

Commission Business:

- Recommendations for Annual Report; co-chairs for Public Policy and Programmatic Issues will work on drafting recommendations
- Idea proposed to move full commission meetings from 3rd Wednesday of the month to 4th Wednesday of the month to avoid conflict with ECCC meeting (which is held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month)

Updates:

- **State Early Care and Education and Early Child Coordinating Committee (Monica Ortiz)**
- **County and State Developments (Barbara Andrews)**

Community Awareness and Engagement:

- **OCCD Meeting schedule for tomorrow (9/19); Representative from CJIS will be present on fingerprinting**
- **Screening of Resilience (October 16th)**
- **October 7th First update will be provided on the ECE Initiative to the County Council-meeting will be live streamed**
- **November 25th (6-8 pm) Community Forum on the ECE Initiative**

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.